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Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$601.00, \$205.00 of which covers a two-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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